THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The claim reported to have been made by a self-proclaimed eye-witness that it was a false encounter is patently false. In fact, the inquiry made by Delhi Police indicates that, in all probability, the said person was not even present at the scene of the incident when it took place.

(d) Delhi Police have in their report to the Commission indicated in detail the circumstances in which the encounter took place and how the claim made by the so called eye-witness that the incident was set up, is false.

New Property Tax System in Delhi

805. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

SHRI RAJU PARMAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item titled "MCD for square deal in property tax" appearing in the 'Times of India', New Delhi on 23rd October, 2002; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the new system of property tax to be announced by the Government and to what extent it will help the property owners in NCT of Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi has constituted an Expert Committee to consider, *inter alia*, the introduction of the Unit Area System of Property Tax and determine the rate at which the Unit Area Tax on Property should be calculated. The said Committee has not yet finalized its recommendations.

Illegal Arms Confiscated from Different Parts of the Country

806. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of illegal arms confiscated from different parts of the country during the last five years, state-wise and year-wise;

(b) the manner in which the confiscated arms are disposed;

(c) whether efforts have been made to identify the country of origin of the confiscated arms and if so, with what success; and

(d) whether any further action is taken with regard to the arms whose country of origin could be traced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) A statement showing the details of illegal arms seized/recovered during the years 1997 to 2001, as received from the National Crime Records Bureau is annexed. (*See* below).

(b) Firearms seized or recovered from extremists/terrorists, and other anti-social elements are deemed to have been confiscated and forfeited to the State after orders of the competent courts have been obtained. State Governments/UT Administrations have been authorised to allot the confiscated non-prohibited bore firearms to eligible persons who possess a valid licence. The price of the weapon is fixed by the State Government/UT Administrations on the recommendations of a Price Fixation Committee and its allotment is made subject to the condition that the allottee shall not sell, gift, transfer or otherwise part with the firearm during his life time.

(c) and (d) The CBI have made efforts to identify the country of origin in 8 cases registered by them but no conclusive evidence could be gathered during investigation.

Statement

Illegal Arms Seized/Recovered During the Year 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 (State/UT Wise)

Sl. No.	State/UT	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	19	48	16	20	10
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	9	1	4	1	1
3.	Assam	200	231	176	86	98
4.	Bihar	1	0	2	0	0
5.	Goa	0	0	1	5	11
6.	Gujarat	5	8	12	4	0
7.	Haryana	6	4	2	3	0
8.	Himachal Pradesh	4	2	4	1	0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	21	47	55	7	5
10.	Karnataka	2	4	4	9	9
11.	Kerala	0	1	0	1	0
12.	Madhya Pradesh	7	15	1	4	0
13.	Maharashtra	9	48	33	13	5
14.	Manipur	44	20	3	0	0
15.	Meghalaya	11	0	2	2	1
16.	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Nagaland	16	30	13	11	7
18.	Orissa	6	1	2	1	0
19.	Punjab	7	27	26	2	3
20.	Rajasthan	26	14	8	11	9
21.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0
22.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	1	3
23.	Tripura	13	9	16	10	11
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1136	693	548	533	555
25.	West Bengal	7	8	7	13	4
26.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	0	0
27.	Chandigarh	2	5	1	6	0
28.	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0
29.	Daman and Diu	0	0	0	0	0
30.	Delhi	28	31	44	21	13
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0
32.	Pondicherry	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	1579	1247	980	765	745